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Application No.

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1714

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/15/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-9, 11-17, 19 and 21-24.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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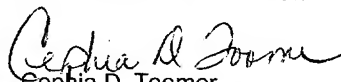
7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
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 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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FOR: HAIR BLEACH COMPOSITION AND HAIR
DYE COMPOSITION

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SIR:

Responsive to the final Official Action dated June 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4. (Canceled)

Claim ~~5~~¹. (Currently Amended) A hair bleach or dye composition, comprising:

at least two separate components of:

a first aqueous alkali component containing an alkali agent (C) in an amount of 0.1-10 wt % based on the entire hair-bleach composition, and

a second aqueous oxidation component containing an oxidizing agent (D) in an amount corresponding in effect to 0.1-12 wt % of hydrogen peroxide; the composition further comprising:

(A) an organic solvent having a partition coefficient (octanol-water) (log P) at 25° C of 0.3-6 and a molecular weight of 200 or less, in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components such that the total amount of component (A) ranges from 1-70 wt % of the entire bleach composition;

(B) an organic solvent having a partition coefficient (octanol-water) (log P) at 25° C of less than 0.3, in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components such that the total amount of component (B) ranges from 0-8 wt % of the entire bleach composition, but less than the amount of component (A); and

(E) water in an amount of 20-55 wt % of the entire bleach composition; and

a saturated or unsaturated C₁₂-C₂₂ linear or branched monohydric alcohol (I) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali or second aqueous oxidation components in an amount ranging from 0.1-20 wt % based on the entire composition, the hair bleach composition, upon admixture of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components upon use, having a pH of 7.5-12.

Claim ²6. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹5, wherein the first aqueous alkali component contains ammonia in an amount of 0-3 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim ³7. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹5, which further comprises a third oxidizing component of a persulfate salt in an amount of 1-30 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim ⁴8. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹5, which further comprises a cationic surfactant component (F) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components in an amount ranging from 0.01-10 wt %.

Claim ⁵9. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹5, which further comprises color developing and coupling substances in combinations of two or more substances in respective amounts of 0.01-5 wt % based on the entire composition or a direct dye.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

Claim ⁶11. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹5, which further comprises a polyoxyalkylene compound as component (J) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycol having a total polycondensation number of C₂-C₄ oxyalkylene groups of 4 or more, polyalkylene glycol alkyl (C₁₋₄) ethers, polyalkylene glycol glyceryl ethers, polyalkylene glycol pentaerythritol alkylene ethers, polyalkylene glycoltrimethylolpropane ethers and polyalkylene glycol alkylene glycoyl ethers in at least one of the first and second components in an amount ranging from 0.1-20 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim ⁷12. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹5, which further comprises at least two nonionic surfactants of different HLB values of which one is a hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (K) having an HLB value of 10-20 and another is an oleophilic nonionic surfactant (L) having an HLB value of 1-10, the surfactants incorporated in the first aqueous alkali component or the second aqueous oxidation component or both of the components.

Claim ⁸13. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ⁷12, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or an alkyl glycoside.

Claim ⁹14. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ⁷12, wherein the oleophilic nonionic surfactant is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether having an HLB of 1-10, a polyoxyethylene polypropylene alkyl ether, an alkyl glyceryl ether, alkyl

glyceryl pentaerythritol ether, an alkyl diglyceryl ether or an alkyl triglyceryl ether, all having an HLB value of 1-10.

Claim ¹⁰~~15~~. (Currently amended) A hair bleach or dye composition, comprising:

at least two separate components of:

a first aqueous alkali component containing an alkali agent (C) in an amount of 0.1-10 wt % based on the entire ~~hair-bleach~~ composition, and

a second aqueous oxidation component containing an oxidizing agent (D) in an amount corresponding in effect to 0.1-12 wt % of hydrogen peroxide; the composition further comprising:

(A) an organic solvent having a partition coefficient (octanol-water) (log P) at 25° C of 0.3-6 and a molecular weight of 200 or less, in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components such that the total amount of component (A) ranges from 1-70 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition;

(B) an organic solvent having a partition coefficient (octanol-water) (log P) at 25° C of less than 0.3, in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components such that the total amount of component (B) ranges from 0-8 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition, but less than the amount of component (A); and

(E) water in an amount of 20-70 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition; and

(F) a cationic surfactant in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components in an amount of 0.01-10 wt % based on the entire bleach composition;
: and

a saturated or unsaturated C₁₂-C₂₂ linear or branched monohydric alcohol (I) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali or second aqueous oxidation components in an amount ranging from 0.1-20 wt % based on the entire composition, the hair bleach composition, upon admixture of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components upon use, having a pH of 7.5-12.

Claim ¹¹16. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹⁰15, wherein the first aqueous alkali component contains ammonia in an amount of 0-3 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim ¹²17. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹⁰15, which further comprises a third oxidizing component of a persulfate salt in an amount of 1-30 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim 18. (Canceled)

Claim ¹³19. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹⁰15, which further comprises color developing and coupling substances in combinations of two or more substances in respective amounts of 0.01-5 wt % based on the entire composition ~~or a direct dye.~~

Claim 20. (Canceled)

Claim ¹⁴21. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹⁰15, which further comprises a polyoxyalkylene compound as component (J) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali or and second aqueous oxidation components selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycol having a total polycondensation number of C₂-C₄

oxyalkylene groups of 4 or more, polyalkylene glycol alkyl (C_{1-4}) ethers, polyalkylene glycol glyceryl ethers, polyalkylene glycol pentaerythritol alkylene glycol ethers, polyalkylene glycoltrimethylolpropane ethers and polyalkylene glycol alkylene glycol ethers in at least one of the first aqueous alkali or and second aqueous oxidation components in an amount ranging from 0.1-20 wt % based on the entire composition.

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Claim ~~22~~. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹⁰~~15~~, which further comprises at least two nonionic surfactants of different HLB values of which one is a hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (K) having an HLB value of 10-20 and another is an oleophilic nonionic surfactant (L) having an HLB value of 1-10, the surfactants incorporated in the first aqueous alkali component or the second aqueous oxidation component or both of the components.

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Claim ~~23~~. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹⁵~~22~~, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or an alkyl glycoside.

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Claim ~~24~~. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim ¹⁵~~22~~, wherein the oleophilic nonionic surfactant is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether having an HLB of 1-10, a polyoxyethylene polypropylene alkyl ether, an alkyl glyceryl ether, alkyl glyceryl pentaerythritol ether, an alkyl diglyceryl ether or an alkyl triglyceryl ether, all having an HLB value of 1-10.

Claim 25. (Canceled)

Claim 26. (Canceled)